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In response to the Office Action dated March 30, 2004, Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the following amendment.

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TRANSMITTAL

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STATUS

2. Applicant

claims small entity status. is other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

	3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.									
(complete (a) or (b), as applicable) (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below.										
Extension for response within:					Other than small entity Fee		Small entity Fee (if applicable)			
		- —	first month			0.00	\$	55.00		
		☐ se	cond month		\$ 420	0.00	\$	210.00		
		☐ th	ird month		\$ 950	0.00	\$	475.00		
		fo	urth month		\$1,480	0.00	\$	740.00		
		fi	fth month		\$2,010	0.00	\$	1,005.00		
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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor. (Check and complete the next item, if applicable)										
An extension of months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.										
Extension fee due with this request \$.										
				OR		-400004				
	(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this									
	conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.									
		or time.	FEE :	FOR CLA	IMS					
4.	The fee for	claims (37 C	C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has b	een ca	lculated as sl	howi	n below:		
	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMA	ALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY		
	CLAIMS REMAINII AFTER AMENDMI	NG	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		DITIONAL. RATE FEE	OR	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE		
TOTAL		MINUS		=	x \$9 =	\$	_	x \$18 = \$		
INDEP.		MINUS		=	x \$42 =	\$		x \$84 = \$		
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	(a)	\boxtimes	No additional fee for Claims is required				
			OR				
	(b)		Total additional fee for claims required \$				
			FEE PAYMENT				
5.		Attached is a check in the sum of \$					
	Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$ A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.						
			FEE DEFICIENCY				
6.		If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.					
			AND/OR				
		If any 2384.	additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-				
7.		Other:					
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